

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims are amended as follows:

1. (Original) A recording medium having a coating layer comprising
 - (A) a polyvinyl alcohol resin containing an acetoacetic ester group,
 - (B) a zirconium compound and
 - (C) an inorganic powderon the surface of a substrate.
2. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein said zirconium compound (B) is a zirconium nitrate compound.
3. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein said zirconium compound (B) is zirconyl hydroxychloride.
4. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein polymerization degree of said polyvinyl alcohol resin containing an acetoacetic ester group (A) is at least 300.
5. (Original) The recording medium of claim 1, wherein said polyvinyl alcohol resin containing an acetoacetic ester group (A) is a reactant of a polyvinyl alcohol resin and a diketene.

Claims 6-11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Currently amended) ~~A~~A recording medium for ink jet printing having a coating layer comprising
 - (A) a polyvinyl alcohol resin containing an acetoacetic ester group,
 - (B) a zirconium compound and
 - (C) an inorganic powderon the surface of a substrate.